



SEN. EDWARD KENNEDY
speaks at fund raiser . .



WERNER BUXTON
... from Jackson State

—Star Photographer Ray Lustig

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A man who has known violence himself only too intimately appealed to the nation's college students last night to respond to campus violence with "compassion, concern and love."

"They are the best answer to bullets and violence on the campus, whether violence is officially caused or caused by the students themselves."

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., was speaking to a crowd of 1,000 at a benefit for the families of student casualties at Kent State University and Jackson State College in May.

Kennedy hosted the fund-raiser at his McLean, Va., home, with proceeds earmarked for medical and funeral expenses of the four Kent State students killed and the 25 injured in the confrontation with Ohio National Guardsmen.

The Kent State Medical Fund was revised later to include benefits for two Negro men students killed and nine wounded at Jackson State on May 15.

Helping

Kennedy commended the student committee which arranged the event, noting that "those who have been outrageously treated — wounded and hurt — instead of responding with violence, are still trying to help their fellow students and fellow human beings."

He said it was "most helpful to a great nation in a time of great trial."

Even Kennedy seemed surprised at the turnout.

"What are we going to do with them? Serve breakfast?" he joked to Kathy Dovach of Akron and Nancy Disbrow of Sandusky, who manned the table where checks for \$10, \$15 and \$20 were being dropped into two bicycle-type wicker baskets.

Behind Kennedy, in his circular driveway, hundreds of Kent Staters, alumni, Ohioans and others serpentine two and three abreast, awaiting their turns for shuttle-busing back to Langley High School, two miles away, where they had parked their cars.

Donations

While most of the donations were in bread-and-butter amounts, The James Gang, one of several rock groups entertaining the crowd, contributed \$1,000.

"And one woman wrote a check for \$5,000. She folded it up and put it in the basket like it was a check for \$10," marveled Kent State senior Paul Sweeney.

"Which is all we can afford," added his pretty blond wife Susan.

Of the \$65,000 goal, some will help defray the more than \$10,000 hospital costs of Kent State student Dean Kahler, paralyzed from the waist down when he was shot in the spine.

A Month of Work

"He's still hospitalized," according to Robbie Stamps, another wounded Kent Stater who was shot in the lower back.

Stamps was one of several students who have been working on arrangements for last night's event the last month with Martin Kurta (head of

the medical fund), Jacqueline Stewart and LeRoy Holmes.

"The kids did the whole thing themselves," said Rep. J. William Stanton, the Ohio

Republican whose district includes Kent State and who arranged for the Kent student delegation to see President Nixon in the spring.